

# *City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 6 – PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN  
UPDATE

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**ISSUE:** Provide an update to the Transportation Commission of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission receive the following update.

**BACKGROUND:** The City is conducting an update of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, and development of the Complete Streets Design Guidelines, which will be completed in late 2015. In December, 2014, staff provided an update to the Transportation Commission on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, including a discussion of the pedestrian and bicycle vision, goals and objectives. At that time, the Commission requested that staff bring back this section of the draft plan once it received full input from the Ad Hoc Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc Committee).

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Pedestrian and Bicycle Vision, Goals and Objectives**

The vision, goals and objectives of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan provide the overall framework for the planning process, to help guide the development of networks, identify projects and policies, and develop implementation measures.

The project team reviewed the previous goals and objectives from the 2008 Transportation Master Plan with the Ad Hoc Committee at its October 9, 2014 meeting, to receive input on goals and objectives that were important to them. Following the meeting, the project team developed draft vision, goals and objectives based on input from the Ad Hoc Committee, public, and other organizations such as the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). For both the pedestrian and bicycle modes, the goals focused on safety, engineering, education, and encouragement. In addition, draft performance measures for the goals were developed. These were presented to the Ad Hoc Committee at its December 3, 2014 meeting. During the meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee provided comments, including the need for

clarification of terminology, and the need for more measurable numeric targets specifically tied to the goals.

Staff compiled all comments to the document, and provided a response to the comments, which were then forwarded back to the Ad Hoc Committee. Each comment was addressed in one of three ways: 1) comment was incorporated as requested or with modifications; 2) comment was not incorporated and the matrix reflects the reasoning; or 3) comment was too specific for this document and will be considered during the discussion of specific strategies or projects.

The revised vision, goals and objectives were presented to the Ad Hoc Committee at its February 4, 2015 meeting. Some of the key comments during the meeting included:

- Need to specifically address persons with disabilities, older adults and children when discussing persons of all ages and abilities
- Need to include an objective related to the elimination of pedestrian and bicycle related fatalities and injuries. Staff should also conduct additional review of the Vision Zero policy from other jurisdictions to see if it is applicable in Alexandria.
- Need to revise pedestrian engineering objective to say sidewalks should be available on both sides of the street

The revised vision, goals and objectives are shown in **Attachment 1**.

### **Next Steps**

The project will be focusing on the bicycle network and pedestrian focus areas over the next several months, as well as developing project prioritization criteria, and specific strategies to implement the plan. The next Ad Hoc Committee is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., and the bicycle network and project prioritization criteria will be reviewed with the Committee.

### **Attachments:**

Goals and Objectives